(c) to (e) In each of one proposal certain clarifications had been called for from the corporation, which have been received and the matter is under active consideration.

In case of another proposal, certain clarifications have been called for from the corporation and their reply is still awaited.

कोलार खानों में उच्च प्रौद्योगिकी का आरम्भ किया जाना

2707. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:

क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 4 दिसम्बर, 1995 के "बिजनेस स्टैंडर्ड" में "हाई टेक्नालाजी प्रोपोस्ड टु बि इन्ट्रोड्यूस्ड इन कोलार माइन्स" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने लाभार्जन कर रही खानों में खनन कार्य हेतु उच्च प्रौद्योगिकी का इस्तेमाल करने का निर्णय लिया है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने सरकारी क्षेत्र की सभी खानों का सर्वेक्षण कराया है;

(घ) सरकारी क्षेत्र के अंतर्गत कुल कितनी खानें हैं और कितनी खाने घाटा होने के कारण बंद पड़ी हैं; और

(ङ) सरकार ने उन इकाइयों को लाभप्रद बनाने के लिये कुल कितनी खानों में उच्च प्रौद्योगिकी का प्रयोग करने का निर्णय लिया है?

खान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गमंग): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ङ) नई खनिज नीति 1993 में साथ-साथ खनिज उद्योग द्वारा नवीनतम प्रौद्योगिकी अपनाने पर जोर दिया गया है।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) खान मंत्रालय के प्रशासनिक नियंत्रण में सरकारी क्षेत्र के पांच उपक्रम—1. नेशनल एल्यूमिनियम कंपनी लि० (नाल्को), 2. भारत एल्यूमिनियम कंपनी लि० (बाल्को), 3. हिन्दुस्तान जिंक लिमिटेड (एचजैडएल), 4. हिन्दुस्तान कापर लिमिटेड (एचसीएल), 5. भारत गोल्ड माइंस लिमिटेड (बीजीएमएल) की कैप्टिव खानें हैं। वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान बीजीएमएल को छोड़कर अन्य उपक्रमों ने लाभ दर्शाया है।

Welfare schemes for weaker sections living below poverty-line in Punjab

2708. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the welfare schemes introduced by the Central Government in the country particularly in the State of Punjab for the weaker sections living below poverty-line;

(b) *the details thereof; and*

(c) the effective measures Government propose to prepare a National Action-Plan for removing the poverty of the people during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) The Central Government has been implementing several Central and Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the welfare of weaker sections living below poverty-line in the State of Punjab. The details of the welfare schemes are as follow:—

1. Special Central Assistance to the special Component Plan of Scheduled Castes.
2. Scheduled Caste Development Corporation.
3. National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Seavengers.
4. National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation.
5. Pre-Examination Coaching Scheme for Weaker Sections based on economic criteria.
6. National Minorities Development and Financed Corporation—For the promotion of self-employment ventures among backward sections of the minorities.
7. Jawahar Rozgar Yojana

8. Intensified Jawahar Rozgar Yojana.
9. Employment assurance Scheme.
10. Integrated Rural Development Programme.
11. Development of Women and Child in Rural Areas.
12. Training of Rural Youth for self-employment.
13. National Social Assistance Programme.

(I) National Old Age Pension Scheme.
(II) National Family Benefit Scheme.
(III) National Meternity Benefit Scheme.

(c) There are three major poverty alleviation programmes being implemented throughout the country. These are Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) which provides self-employment and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) which provide supplementary wage-employment to the rural poor.

While the total expenditure (Central sector) in the Seventh Plan in the rural development sector was Rs. 10,650 crores, the Central Plan outlay for rural development has been stepped upto Rs. 30,000 crores in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Reduction of the price of the Refampicin

2709. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2576 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th August, 1995 and state:

(a) whether the reduction in the prices of anti-tuberculosis drugs were recommended much earlier wheresas the final decision in this regard was taken much later;

(b) if so, whether the delay in the reduction of formulations was made in connivance with the parties concerned and has resulted in windfall gains for Refampicin formulators; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to probe into the matter and to ensure that the authorities concerned do not take any wrong decision in connivance with the officials of drug companies?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c). There has been no inordinate delay in reducing the price of bulk drug Rifampicin and formulations based thereon as the Rifampicin Policy for 1995-96 was under consideration during this period which had a bearing on the announcement of Rifampicin prices. The Rifampicin Policy was first announced in June, 1995 and correspondingly the price of bulk durg Rifampicin wass reduced from Rs. 5695 per kg to Rs. 5220 per kg. subsequently prices of the ceiling packs of Rifampicin formulations were reduced on 6.11.95 an those for non ceiling packs were reduced on 5.10.95 respectively.

Foreign Coaches in the Country

2710. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign coaches or trainers presently on contract with Government or Sports Authority of India;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) whether any efforts are being made to enhance the training capability for the forthcoming Olympics; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) At present seven Coaches and one Training